

tropical few of them within your  
special District and now that I have  
specially to observe upon except the  
Bletia aphylla which to my mind  
has none of the character of Bletia but  
is nearly very near Corallorrhiza and for  
which I must adopt Rafinesque's  
generic name Hexacteis. I think  
that the relative position of the pollen  
manes a character of more importance  
than their absolute number - 2 or 4  
or 6 or 8 - except that in Vandea there  
are never 8, of large number of Leontopodium's  
Heckera and other monotypic or  
small genera have been or must be reduced  
and on the other hand no less than four  
of Leontopodium's <sup>small</sup> sections of Epidendrum have  
not the generic character and must be added  
to the rank of genera - otherwise Leontopodium's  
genera are usually more natural than  
Heckera's

Yours very sincerely  
George Bentham

growing very etc and impatient to see you  
and all the family

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My dear Gray

I have had one or two  
little notes from you through  
Hooker which however called for  
no answer and you will probably  
have heard from him of our going  
down to Montpel Court to see to the  
sending off General Munro's  
Herbarium etc It was a melancholy  
task to me especially as I had  
now during four summers regularly  
spent three or four weeks with him  
at Montpel Court and I had long  
enjoyed his intimate friendship

We found M<sup>rs</sup> Munro bearing up  
very well but she has much to go  
through with the sad state of her  
hopelessly imbecile daughter and the  
very uncertain career of her eldest  
son - who could not pass the medical  
examination for the military career  
to which he had been brought up <sup>for</sup>  
now no other one to cater upon  
He is a very amiable well conducted  
youth and everything that could be  
wished toward his mother - but he  
certainly is not bright

General Munro had left some  
portions of his Graminae - *Digitaria*  
*Scamigerum* etc ~~that~~ was actually

at work upon in some confusion and  
the different borrowed collections rather  
mixed up - I have however gone  
through them genera and think I  
have rightly distinguished the different  
herbaria by their paper labels etc  
with which I am pretty well acquainted  
and amongst the ten or twelve sets  
to be returned there are three that are  
sent off to you - your own herbarium  
the Graminae of Welher's Exploring  
Expedition and D'Almeida's Graminae  
marked to be wholly or partially returned  
and as those to be kept were not  
distinguished we have returned all. I  
trust they will be found all right -

I still continue working at Brechean  
six hours a day and am now reviewing  
them with operculate authors - mostly